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PALMYRA CIRCLE

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The Army TCS Pelican State arrived Thursday, right after a very heavy rain and its wheels sprayed the water like several out-board motor boats having a race in rough water. The little ladder was busy as TCS maintenance gained a new man, George A. Norton with his wife and son were the off loading passengers. Howard Imamoto pulled a fast one and eluded the little ladder along with Reed of the force account crew. It seems the boys were a little hard on Howard and kept him awake Wednesday night. He is lucky that, that little man who gets around was not here or he might have been kept awake Tuesday night also.

Next week the little ladder is expected to be very busy as there are somewhere 16 and 21 new men arriving.

PALMYRA PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS

Saturday

SENATOR WAS INDISCREET

Short- Carlos Malina & Orchestra

ALIAS A GENTLEMAN

Short- Wife to Spare

Tuesday

UPTURNED GLASS

Short- Ivina

Palmyra Pacific Aeronauts will hold their next meeting Wednesday evening in our new building. All stockholders are ask to be present if possible. The meeting will start at seventhirty o'clock sharp. The Christians and the Watsons are the newest stockholders. The Assistant Managers office is vacant and some woman is to be elected so be sure to attend. If there is time after the business colored slides of Honolulu will be shown. There is also a recreation committee to be elected and some other things for your consideration and what you want done about them.

News Highlights

WASHINGTON D.C. GENERAL OF THE ARMIES, John J. Pershing died Thursday. By executive order all flags will be flown at half mast until after the funeral next Monday. General Pershing will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, with full Military Honors.

Dr. Condon of the Bureau of Standards has been cleared in the loyalty charges against him. President Truman has called a special session of Congress for next month. The Armed Services will accept 18 year olds for one year enlistments providing that they join the organized reserve.

HONOLULU. The Inter Island Steamer, S.S. Maunaloa ran aground on the reef outside of Kamaekahi, Molokai. It was finally floated and continue on to Maui ports. Upon its return to Honolulu, it will be drydocked to see how much damage was done.

The employees of the Honolulu Gas Co. have voted to strike at the end of five days.

BERLIN, GERMANY. The Army is still breaking records in flying supplies into the blockaded city. Increased activity by Russian planes along the Air Corridors from the west.

UNDER THE SIGN OF THE THREE BALLS. Thanks for putting up the bracket for our new sign. Yes, we will loan you money on anything, IF YOU HAVE THE ORIGINAL BILL OF SALE, made out in your name, and can furnish SIX endorsers who are rated AAA or better by the Honolulu Credit and Rating Bureau.

Up to the time of printing there has been no word from the FB Boat that is expected to arrive here Monday morning. Doc Shields is going to have a busy day with no port steward here to check the commissary stores. Then there should be an extra large shipment of mail and parcel post.

There is nothing from the Bachelors Club except that they are counting the hours until the boat arrives and the beer is unloaded and delivered to the club.

PLANT OF PALMYRA

The Castor Bean Plant (Palm Christi) (Ricinus communis), is widely distributed in Hawaii, and grows at times into a sizeable tree. To my knowledge there are only two locations on Palmyra where this plant may be found. The largest group are in front of the powerhouse, the second group is between the machine shop and the theatre building. These plants have been mistaken for young papaya trees by a number of people on the island. There is a slight similarity in the size and shape of the leaves but that is all. The dark green palmate or stellate leaves, the spiny seed pods, and the seeds, resembling wood-ticks, should be known to everyone.

The seeds are the source of castor oil, but contain in addition one of the most poisonous substances known, a toxin known as ricin. This substance is supposed to be harmless when eaten and digested, but if through a scratch or abrasion in the skin or mucous membrane it enters the circulation it is extremely dangerous. 1/100 of a milligram for a 200 pound man, has been known to cause death. Two soldiers died at Schofield Barracks, on Oahu in 1920 from eating castor beans for their laxative effect. No home treatment is useful. The antitoxin was not available commercially in 1944.

The poison resembles snake venom in its action, there may be no symptoms except for loss of appetite, for several days, when emesis and purgation begin, followed by delirium, collapse and death.

There are several other plants listed as poisonous on the island and will be described later.

THE MAIL BAG

We hear that the Husby's are in Bismarck, North Dakota, near his parents. He is working there and that Margie is wearing that RED LOOK also little Jimmie is so proud of his new white shoes, they can not get him put any other colored shoes on his feet.

Fred Shorman had word from Gus, that he is having a grand time and will come down on the NC 65 to get his things. He has been to the races, the circus, and expects to have his new car soon. Wonder if he is going to bring it back with him?

Neal the President of the Bachelors Club was seen with a big envelope with a big SEAL on the back of it.

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Hangerville Notes

The Stoelbs are expecting to climb the little ladder, the 29th of this month. They will take 20 days leave visiting the other Islands in the Territory and then Roman will depart for Guam. One of his first items of business will be to look for housing so that Isabel can join him there.

Almost any nice evening you will see Addie out giving Bob Jr. a ride in his cart. Their run tagging along and trying to get a free ride. The Averys out on the sandy after fish for their cat, Otto, admiring the one little papaya on his tree and dreaming of fresh fruit for breakfast.

Hotel Notes.

Glen Kimberling having breakfast with his sons, his wife coming in for a late breakfast. Ed, Evelyn did not ever sleep, she is also a communicator and has been on the graveyard shift, at the control station. They worked together in Alaska, after their tour of duty there, she retired until her arrival in Hawaii. Wonder if their Trail crossed that of our other Alaska friends, The Wandering Melanders?

It is sort of strange with the tables gone in the lobby, and still so quiet. The new roof courtesy of Alex Yuma men is almost completed. Lee and Jensen have put in five more rooms in readiness for Morgan Holmes and his crew. The MEIC, Aeronauts and the sports equipment rooms have been moved, which makes three more available.

Hange Island Notes.

Daisy and Pauline Watson feeding the fish outside their kitchen door. The Barnes family crossing the old fighter runway, to go swimming at the Aerology pier. The Redd's bring home a little box of groceries. Our covered wagon broke down before we were able to make the trip around the point to cover the other homesteads. With the Super Highway, George Avery's men are putting in, I might not have to fix up that sled and dog team after all. Believe it or Not, Ed Watson has been bothered with lice on Palmyra.

Cooper Island Notes.

Joe Carvalho's FRESH (?) FRUIT & VEGETABLE MARKET, has a new Boss. With the departure of Howard, Dottie Smith is filling in until Joe gets back from his mainland trip. Good luck Dottie.

The swimming hole is getting cleaned out to surface the SUPER highways of Palmyra. This should cut down on the wear and tear on the jeeps and trucks as well as save tires.

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